



September 12, 2016

Mr. Ross L. Bullington
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Parsippany, NJ 07054

Dear Mr. Bullington:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests (GSA-2016-000981), dated July 22, 2016, in which you requested the following:

“The purchase tenders, invoices, and/or receipts for engine oils procured for the GSA’s automobile fleet in 2015. Our aim is to understand the grade and brand of motor oils used by GSA.”

GSA owned vehicles are serviced in the commercial marketplace, which prohibits GSA from tracking the varying grades and/or brands of motor oil that are used in our vehicles. Our vehicles are serviced by a large number of both national chain and local small business oil change vendors. They use the appropriate grades of engine oil as specified by the vehicle manufacturers although GSA does not capture the specific brands or grades of engine oil used.

Since the agency does not have any records within the scope of your request, this does not constitute a denial of records. You have the right to appeal the adequacy of our search. To do so, you must write within 90 days of your receipt of this letter to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)
1800 F St. NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Enclose copies of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

This completes our action on this FOIA request. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Daniel Reichmann, Branch Chief, Operational Support Branch at 703-605-2950 or by email at daniel.reichmann@gsa.gov. You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Audrey Brooks, at 202-205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, or by e-mail at ogis@nara.gov or by telephone at 202-741-5770 or our toll free number free 1-877-684-6448 or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis S. Lewis

FOIA Program Manager